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4 June 1956

1. No reason here to change operational readiness date of Detachment A, which is not later than 10 June 1956.

2. Detachment A will launch on missions on date it becomes operationally ready at German base.

3. General Twining desires that an Air Base in Western Germany be available for this operation.

4. Selected Air Base will be considered as interim Air Base until permanent facility is completed accordance paragraph 10 following.

5. It is not considered desirable here to operate on any Air Base when indigenous laborers have access to hanger or shop space. Work on runway and taxi-ways undesirable but under certain circumstances acceptable. Work on billets or other structures outside of controlled area presents no problem.

6. Long range missions from Germany are being planned for. However, final decision depends on political approval, which is not anticipated before 10 June 1956.

7. Short range penetrations over Satellites and possibly up to 150 nautical miles into USSR will be flown as soon as all is in readiness.

8. Of paramount importance is ability to utilize operational capability with utmost efficiency .

9. Most recent word is completely negative on ███████ even   25X6

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including use of ▮▮▮▮▮ as a rear base. It now becomes absolutely

necessary to prepare ▮▮▮▮▮ as main base on high priority basis.

Project Headquarters will communicate with ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ 25X1A

re permissable activities at ▮▮▮▮▮ during transition. 25X1A

10. Appears from this distance that future course of action is

(a) Establish target date at Adana Air Base of 5 July for Detachment A

main base. (b) Establish target date at ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ of 15 August 25X1A

for Detachment B main base. (c) Explore interim operations from present

permanent facility Western Germany for 15 June operations.

11. If absolutely necessary arrange secure commo procedures

with Colonel Holburg and pertinent USAFE personnel for interim type

operations.

12. Project Director has concurred with above enumerated criteria

and requirements. Request comments soonest.